GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BACKLOG /CARRIED FORWARD VACANCIES RESERVED FOR SCS / STS & OBCS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether backlog/carried forward vacancies reserved for SCs/STs and OBCs are required to be treated as a `separate and distinct group` as provided under Article 16(4) B of the Constitution to overcome 50% ceiling limit on vacancies to be reserved in a year;

(b)if so, the `backlog/carried forward vacancies` ascertained as per para 5 of the DOPT OM No. 36012/2/96-Estt.(Res.) dated 2nd July 1997 in respect of SCs, STs and OBCs in group A, B, C and D categories of service as on 29th August 1997, in his Ministry when Special Recruitment Drives etc. for filling such vacancies were stopped;

(c)the backlog vacancies filled during the last four years and those which remain unfilled, year-wise; and

(d)the fresh vacancies/posts accrued to reserved classes in all categories of post during the last four years as per `post based rosters?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI.JUAL DRAM)

(a)The information has been collected from the Department of Personnel and Training. They have stated that ceiling of 50% on filling up of reserved vacancies would apply only on the reserved vacancies which arise in the current year and the backlog/carried forward reserved vacancies for SCs/STs of earlier years would be treated as a separate and distinct group and would not be subject to any ceiling. However, they have also clarified that the provisions do not apply to the vacancies reserved for OBCs.

(b)That Department has also clarified that para 5 of their O.M. dated 02.07.1997 is regarding initial operation of the post-based roster and identitying the excess/shortfall in respective categories in the cadre and not about backlog/carried forward vacancies. However, this Ministry came into existence during October, 1999 and as such the required information may be treated as nil.

(c) &(d)The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.